means for loosening the tension setting and unspooling the cable.

REMARKS

The official Office Action dated November 16, 1993, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1, 2, and 4 - 16 remain pending in the application. Claims 3, 5, 7, 8, and 11 have been rewritten into independent form. Claim 3 has been incorporated into its entirety into claim 1 and, thus, has been cancelled. No new matter has been added. The Examiner indicated that claims 3, 5, 7 - 9 and 11 - 16 were only objected to being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This has been accomplished above. Consequently, it is strongly contended that all of the claims pending in the application are allowable. Accordingly, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 have been rendered moot by the incorporation of allowable subject matter into claim 1 and the rewriting of claims 3, 5, 7, 8 and 11 as independent claims. It is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to

withdraw the rejections, indicate the allowance of all of the claims now pending and pass this case to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now totally in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below listed telephone number to arrange for a telephone interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 14-1060.

Respectfully submitted,

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